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Election of members of the functional commissions of the Council

Note by the Secretary-General

1. Pursuant to section V of Economic and Social Council resolution 557 C (XVIII), as amended by the Council in its decision of 19 December 1968, information on the forthcoming vacancies in the functional commissions to be filled by the Council at its resumed organizational session for 2009 is set out in the annex below.

2. Under the terms of Council resolution 1147 (XLI), in 2009 the members of the Statistical Commission, the Commission on Population and Development, the Commission on the Status of Women, the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and the Commission on Sustainable Development are to be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution according to a specified pattern. The pattern applicable to each functional commission is indicated in the annex, together with the current membership.

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Annex

Membership of the functional commissions in 2009

Statistical Commission

(24 members; four-year term)

Five members from African States

Democratic Republic of the Congo* (2009), Mauritania* (2009), South Africa* (2009), Sudan (2011), Togo (2011)

Four members from Asian States

China (2012), Japan (2012), Lebanon (2011), Oman (2011)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2012), Belarus (2011), Lithuania (2011), Russian Federation* (2009)

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Honduras (2011), Jamaica* (2009), Mexico (2012), Suriname (2012)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Canada* (2009), Finland* (2009), France* (2009), Germany (2012), Netherlands (2012), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (2012), United States of America (2011)

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Eight members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Three members from African States;

One member from Eastern European States;

One member from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Population and Development

(47 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-third session (2009-2010))[a]

Twelve members from African States

Benin (2011), Côte d'Ivoire (2013), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2013), Equatorial Guinea (2011), Gambia* (2010), Kenya (2012), Rwanda (2013), Sierra Leone* (2010), South Africa* (2010), Tunisia (2012), Uganda (2012), Zambia* (2010)

Eleven members from Asian States[b]

Bangladesh (2013), China* (2010), India* (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2011), Japan (2012), Kazakhstan (2012), Lebanon* (2010), Oman* (2010), Pakistan (2013), Sri Lanka (2011)

Five members from Eastern European States

Belarus (2013), Croatia (2012), Poland (2011), Russian Federation* (2010), Ukraine* (2010)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil (2013), Colombia (2012), Cuba (2013), Grenada (2011), Haiti (2013), Honduras (2011), Jamaica* (2010), Mexico* (2010), Uruguay* (2010)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2013), Finland (2012), Germany (2013), Israel (2013), Netherlands (2012), Spain (2011), Sweden* (2010), Switzerland (2013), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2010), United States of America* (2010)

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Sixteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Three members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[a] In accordance with its decision 2005/213, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2010) of the Commission's forty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-seventh session in 2014.

[b] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-third session and expire at the close of its forty-sixth session in 2013.

Commission for Social Development

(46 members; four-year term: membership of the forty-eighth session (2009-2010))

Twelve members from African States

Benin (2011), Cameroon (2011), Egypt (2011), Ethiopia (2013), Gabon (2013), Ghana (2012), Lesotho (2013), Mauritius (2013), Namibia (2011), Nigeria (2012), Senegal (2012), Sudan (2012)

Ten members from Asian States

China (2013), India (2011), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2013), Japan (2012), Nepal (2011), Pakistan (2012), Philippines (2013), Qatar (2013), Republic of Korea (2012), United Arab Emirates (2011)

Five members from Eastern European States[c]

Albania (2013), Armenia (2012), Russian Federation (2012), Slovakia (2011)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States[d]

Argentina (2012), Cuba (2011), El Salvador (2012), Guatemala (2012), Haiti (2013), Jamaica (2011), Mexico (2011)

Ten members from Western European and other States

Andorra (2011), Denmark (2013), France (2012), Germany (2012), Italy (2013), Netherlands (2013), Spain (2011), Switzerland (2013), Turkey (2011), United States of America (2012)

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There are no upcoming vacancies on the Commission for the 2009 elections.

[c] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-eighth session and expire at the close of its fifty-first session in 2013.

[d] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-eighth session and expire at the close of its fifty-first session in 2013.

Commission on the Status of Women

(45 members; four-year term: membership of the fifty-fourth session (2009-2010))[c]

Thirteen members from African States

Cameroon* (2010), Djibouti* (2010), Eritrea (2012), Gabon (2011), Guinea (2013), Lesotho* (2010), Mauritania (2013), Namibia (2011), Niger (2011), Rwanda (2013), Senegal (2012), Togo* (2010), Zambia* (2010)

Eleven members from Asian States

Cambodia (2011), China (2012), India (2012), Indonesia* (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2010), Iraq (2013), Japan (2013), Malaysia* (2010), Pakistan (2011), Republic of Korea* (2010), United Arab Emirates* (2010)

Four members from Eastern European States

Armenia (2011), Azerbaijan (2011), Belarus (2013), Russian Federation (2012)

Nine members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Brazil* (2010), Colombia (2013), Cuba (2012), Dominican Republic (2012), Ecuador* (2010), Haiti (2012), Mexico* (2010), Nicaragua (2013), Paraguay (2011)

Eight members from Western European and other States

Belgium (2011), Germany (2013), Israel (2013), Italy (2013), Spain (2011), Sweden (2012), Turkey (2011), United States of America (2012)

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Thirteen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Five members from African States;

Five members from Asian States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States.

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* Retiring member.

[c] In accordance with its decision 2002/234, the Council will elect the new members for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2010) of the Commission's fifty-fifth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-eighth session in 2014.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

(53 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Botswana (2011), Cameroon (2011), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2011), Ethiopia (2011), Morocco (2011), Namibia* (2009), Niger* (2009), Nigeria* (2009), Senegal* (2009), Sudan (2011), Uganda (2011)

Eleven members from Asian States[f]

China (2011), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2011), Japan* (2009), Kazakhstan (2011), Pakistan (2011), Republic of Korea* (2009), Saudi Arabia* (2009), Tajikistan* (2009), Thailand (2011), United Arab Emirates (2011), Yemen (2011)

Six members from Eastern European States

Czech Republic (2011), Lithuania (2011), Poland* (2009), Republic of Moldova (2011), Russian Federation* (2009), Ukraine* (2009)

Eleven members from Latin American and Caribbean States[f]

Argentina (2011), Bolivia* (2009), Colombia* (2009), Cuba (2011), El Salvador (2011), Jamaica* (2009), Mexico* (2009), Peru (2011), Trinidad and Tobago (2011), Uruguay (2011), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2011)

Fourteen members from Western European and other States

Australia* (2009), Austria (2011), Belgium* (2009), Canada* (2009), Finland (2011), Germany (2011), Israel (2011), Italy (2011), Netherlands (2011), Spain (2011), Switzerland (2011), Turkey* (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2009), United States of America (2011)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Three members from Eastern European States;

Four members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Five members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[f] In accordance with Council resolution 1991/49, one seat rotates between Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States every four years. The rotating seat was allocated to Latin American and Caribbean States in 2007 for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2008, thus giving Asian States and Latin American and Caribbean States 11 seats each.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

(40 members; three-year term)

Twelve members from African States

Algeria (2011), Cameroon* (2009), Comoros (2011), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2011), Ghana (2011), Kenya (2011), Lesotho (2011), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2011), Nigeria* (2009), Sierra Leone* (2009), South Africa* (2009), Sudan (2011)

Nine members from Asian States

China (2011), India* (2009), Indonesia* (2009), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2009), Japan (2011), Republic of Korea (2011), Saudi Arabia* (2009), Thailand (2011), United Arab Emirates* (2009)

Four members from Eastern European States

Republic of Moldova* (2009), Romania (2011), Russian Federation (2011), Ukraine* (2009)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina* (2009), Brazil* (2009), Colombia* (2009), Cuba (2011), El Salvador (2011), Guatemala* (2009), Jamaica* (2009), Uruguay (2011)

Seven members from Western European and other States

Austria (2011), Belgium (2011), Canada* (2009), Germany (2011), Turkey* (2009), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland* (2009), United States of America* (2009)

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Twenty members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Five members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Five members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

* Retiring member.

Commission on Sustainable Development

(53 members; three-year term: membership of the eighteenth session (2009-2010))[g]

Thirteen seats for African States

Cape Verde* (2010), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2011), Eritrea (2012), Ethiopia (2012), Gabon (2011), Gambia* (2010), Guinea* (2010), Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (2011), Malawi (2011), Mauritius (2012), Namibia (2011), Nigeria (2012), South Africa* (2010)

Eleven seats for Asian States

Bahrain* (2010), Bangladesh (2011), China (2012), India* (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of)* (2010), Japan* (2010), Kyrgyzstan (2012), Pakistan (2011), Philippines (2012), Saudi Arabia (2011), United Arab Emirates (2011)

Six seats for Eastern European States

Croatia* (2010), Estonia (2011), Poland* (2010), Romania (2011), Russian Federation (2012), Ukraine (2012)

Ten seats for Latin American and Caribbean States

Antigua and Barbuda (2012), Argentina (2011), Brazil (2011), Colombia (2012), Costa Rica* (2010), Cuba (2012), Guatemala* (2010), Haiti* (2010), Uruguay (2011), Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of) (2011)

Thirteen seats for Western European and other States[h]

Australia (2012), Belgium (2011), Canada (2011), France* (2010), Germany (2011), Israel (2011), Monaco* (2010), Netherlands* (2010), Sweden* (2010), Switzerland (2011), United States of America (2012)

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Seventeen members are to be elected according to the following pattern:

Four members from African States;

Four members from Asian States;

Two members from Eastern European States;

Three members from Latin American and Caribbean States;

Four members from Western European and other States.

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* Retiring member.

[g] In accordance with its resolution 1997/63, the Council will elect the new members for a three year term beginning at the organizational meeting (held in 2010) of the Commission's nineteenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twenty-first session in 2013.

[h] There are two vacancies in this group for members whose terms would begin at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's eighteenth session and expire at the close of its twentieth session in 2012.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

(43 members; four-year term)

Eleven members from African States

Burkina Faso (2010), Democratic Republic of the Congo (2012), Equatorial Guinea (2012), Eritrea (2010), Ghana (2012), Lesotho (2010), Mali (2012), South Africa (2012), Sudan (2010), Tunisia (2010), Uganda (2010)

Nine members from Asian States

China (2010), India (2010), Iran (Islamic Republic of) (2010), Jordan (2012), Malaysia (2010), Oman (2012), Pakistan (2012), Philippines (2010), Sri Lanka (2012)

Five members from Eastern European States[i]

Belarus (2010), Latvia (2010), Russian Federation (2012), Slovakia (2012)

Eight members from Latin American and Caribbean States

Argentina (2010), Brazil (2012), Chile (2012), Costa Rica (2012), Cuba (2010), Dominican Republic (2010), El Salvador (2010), Jamaica (2012)

Ten members from Western European and other States[j]

Austria (2012), Belgium (2010), Finland (2012), France (2010), Germany (2010), Israel (2012), Switzerland (2012), Turkey (2010), United States of America (2010)

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There are no upcoming vacancies on the Commission for the 2009 elections.

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[i] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2010.

[j] There is one vacancy in this group for a member whose term would begin on the date of election and expire on 31 December 2012.